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Dear Examiner Zamani  
Enclosed please find the draft amendment in response to the Final Office Action dated August 13, 2002.

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